

## Bruce Elfant, Travis County Tax Assessor-Collector and Voter Registrar

# **News Release**

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## Travis County filing lawsuits against delinquent property owners

AUSTIN – The Travis County Tax Office is sending more than 19,000 delinquent property tax accounts totaling about \$52 million to the county attorney to begin the foreclosure process.

In May, the tax office asked the county attorney to file almost 400 delinquent property tax lawsuits. Among them are 181 personal property, 164 real estate and a few mobile home accounts totaling about \$6 million in delinquent taxes.

"The county attorney has filed suit against 40 percent of these property owners, and we plan to continue to send the county attorney at least 100 delinquent accounts each week," said Tax Assessor-Collector Bruce Elfant. "We have done everything we can to resolve the delinquent accounts with property owners."

The tax office sent letters and made phone calls in an attempt collect overdue property taxes. When property owners do not respond to repeated attempts to contact them, the tax office must forward the accounts to the county attorney.

"The very last thing we want to do is take away property from their owners, and we offer them every opportunity to set up a payment plan, but they need to talk to us," Elfant said.

To be fair to those who pay their taxes, Elfant adds, the county must pursue delinquent taxpayers. Property tax funds a variety of services, including emergency services, schools, courts, parks, law enforcement, cities, and counties.

"Once we file a lawsuit, you can still pay your delinquent taxes along with penalty, interest and attorney fees right up to the moment the property is auctioned off," Elfant said.

On May 18, the tax office released the Top 10 Delinquent Taxpayers. Only two businesses on that list have paid their delinquent taxes in full: Bird Rides Inc., owners of Austin rental scooters, and DM Estate LLC.

### The Top 10 Delinquent Property Owners:

Owner	Address	Total Due
WC 1ST & TRINITY LP	99 TRINITY ST	\$718,465.44
DJCC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	7300 HART LN	\$549,056.52
TX AUSTIN MANOR LP	0000 BOYCE LN	\$274,722.75
OPTIMIST CLUB OF NORTH AUSTIN	1105 MORROW ST	\$223,978.91
WC 2101 W BEN WHITE LP	2101 W BEN WHITE BLVD	\$163,640.04
CCI EQUIPMENT LEASING LLC	4309 EMMA BROWNING AVE	\$161,280.27
BIRD RIDES INC Update: paid in full 6/7/2022	VARIOUS LOCATIONS Update: paid in full 6/7/2022	\$147,195.17 View receipt (PDF)
WHITE ROCKS ENTERAINMENT LLC/ WHITE ROCKS ENTERTAINMENT LLC	0000 BARTON ESTATES PL (19 accounts) 0000 W STATE HY 71 (1 account)	\$141,223.01
DM ESTATE LLC Update: paid in full 6/14/2022	98 SAN JACINTO BLVD UNIT 2601 Update: paid in full 6/14/2022	\$79,711.61 View receipt (PDF)
NAGOBICH FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST	9913 N INTERSTATE HY 35	\$76,175.79

**NOTE**: Property owners of commercial buildings may have tenants who are unaware of the delinquent tax bill. This list may change as owners come forward to make payments. This list will be updated as payments are collected.

The **Travis County Tax Office** annually collects more than \$5 billion in local property taxes for 132 local government entities and \$4 million in court fines on behalf of the County Courts, District Courts and Justices of the Peace. The office registers and titles almost 1 million vehicles, registers over 850,000 voters, and supports elections for 201 local government entities. The Tax Office operates five locations in Travis County and many services are available online.